

# Memorandum

**To:** Chair and Commissioners

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**From:** JOHN F. BARNA, JR.  
Executive Director

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Action

**Ref:** **PROPOSITION 116 RAIL PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION APPROVAL FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S GOLETA AMTRAK STATION  
ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT  
PA-06-**

## **Recommendation**

Approve the attached resolution, which would grant approval of the Department of Transportation's (Department) application for \$35,875 in Proposition 116 funds for enhancements at the Goleta Amtrak Station.

## **Background**

In May 2006, Commission staff received an application requesting \$35,875 in Proposition 116 funds (PUC Section 99623(a)(2)) from the Department for enhancements at the Goleta Amtrak Station. The enhancements will include enlarging the turning circle at the dead-end of La Patera Lane, and other amenities, such as sidewalks, lighting and landscaping.

Currently, buses stop approximately five blocks away from the station, which is located in a light industrial area. The enlarged turning circle will allow regional buses to negotiate the turning circle and provide service directly to the station. The turning circle will be maintained by the City of Goleta.

Attachment

## CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Commission Project Application Approval  
Department of Transportation  
Proposition 116 Application for the  
Goleta Amtrak Station Enhancements Project

Resolution PA-06-\_\_

- 1.1 WHEREAS, in June 1990 the voters approved Proposition 116, the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act, for \$1.99 billion for rail and mass transportation purposes; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) is designated in Proposition 116 to oversee the five grant programs over the 20-year term of the Proposition; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 calls for the Commission to establish an application process and to develop and adopt guidelines to implement those programs; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 establishes as a purpose of the application process that it "facilitate implementation of improved cost-effective transit service to the maximum number of Californians and to prevent the funds provided for by this part from being spent on needlessly costly features"; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 requires applications to specify full and complete capital plans, financial plans, and operating plans, including schedules and funding sources; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, the Commission has established a Hazardous Waste Identification and Clean-up Policy (#G-91-2) that requires the local agency to have performed full due diligence in identifying the hazardous waste in the right-of-way and easements and properties as well as clean-up, and that the state has been indemnified from clean-up liability of damages, both present and future; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, in December 1990 the Commission adopted policy and application guidelines (#G-90-23) for the Proposition 116 rail program; and

- 1.8 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 (PUC Section 99623(a)(2)) authorizes \$17,000,000 to the Department of Transportation for intercity and commuter rail projects in Santa Barbara County; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, in May 2006, the Department of Transportation submitted a project application requesting that \$35,875 be programmed for the Goleta Amtrak Station Enhancements Project to be used to enlarge the turning circle at the dead-end of La Patera Lane, and add other amenities, such as sidewalks, lighting and landscaping; and
- 1.10 WHEREAS, the May 2006, Proposition 116 project application from the Department of Transportation, including all supplemental information, has been reviewed by Commission staff, and appears to meet all the basic requirements as specified in Proposition 116 and the Commission's policies and guidelines; and
- 2.1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the Proposition 116 project application from the Department of Transportation for enhancements to the Goleta Amtrak Station, including enlarging the turning circle, and other amenities, such as sidewalks, lighting and landscaping for \$35,875 in Proposition 116 funds (PUC Section 99623(a)(2)); and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Proposition 116 project approval by the Commission reserves the State funding within the Program, and allows project development work to be undertaken by the applicant agency, which will be subject to state reimbursement pursuant to the Commission's "Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring, and Auditing Funds for Local Assistance Projects" and subsequent fund transfer agreement.